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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR

SUBJ: LOS: VISIT OF LOS TEAM TO MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

REF: STATE 056466

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED LETTER MAR 22 TO LEGAL ADVISOR LOOMES OF  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT  
PROPOSED VISIT OF U.S. LOS TEAM GIVEN REFTEL. LOOMES REACTED  
IMMEDIATELY AND POSITIVELY TO SUGGESTION THAT TEAM VISIT  
CANBERRA FOR TALKS WITH GOA OFFICIALS. HE STATED GOA WAS  
"ANXIOUS" TO HAVE AS MANY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON LOS MATTERS  
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WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE BEFORE CONVENING

OF CARACAS CONFERENCE. HE PARTICULARLY MENTIONED HOPE THAT MR. MOORE WOULD BE ONE OF THOSE COMING TO CANBERRA.

2. LOOMES IS UNDERTAKING TO RESPOND ON SPECIFIC DATES FOR VISIT TO CANBERRA AND SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND FORMALLY WITHIN FEW DAYS. HE NOTED IT WOULD BE WELL IF TEAM COULD PLAN TO SPEND TWO FULL DAYS IN CANBERRA BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES INVOLVED. WHEN ASKED ABOUT COMPOSITION OF AUSTRALIAN LOS DELEGATION, LOOMES NOTED THAT HE EXPECTED APPROVAL IN NEAR FUTURE OF A PROPOSED DELEGATION WHICH IS NOW BEFORE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE AGREED TO PROVIDE EMBOFF WITH DELEGATION LIST AS SOON AS APPROVAL OBTAINED. LOOMES STATED AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF ABOUT 20 PEOPLE FROM A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT WOULD CERTAINLY INCLUDE HIMSELF AND RAPLH HARRY, AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR IN BONN.

3. LOOMES VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN RECENTLY WITH VISITING DELEGATION FROM INDONESIA AND WITH NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO CANBERRA PASCUAL ON LOS MATTERS. IN BOTH CASES, HE HAD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ARCHIPELAGO COUNTRIES LIKE INDONESIA AND COUNTRIES WITH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS LIKE SPAIN CONSIDERING IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A ROUTE THROUGH ARCHIPELAGOS AND STRAITS WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO FREE TRANSIT OF ALL VESSELS. ONLY RESTRICTIONS ON FREE TRANSIT MIGHT BE THOSE RELATING TO SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY, LOOMES SAID. COMMENT: THIS IDEA OF FREE TRANSIT ROUTE IS NOT NEW WITH LOOMES, BUT HE GENUINELY PLEASED THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN PARTICULAR AGREED TO PURSUE IT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. LOOMES ALSO NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR HARRY HAD STOPPED FOR DISCUSSION OF LOS MATTERS IN MOSCOW ON HIS RECENT RETURN JOURNEY TO BONN. LOOMES SAID HARRY IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT PEKING WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR SO TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT. LOOMES ALSO STATED THAT AMBASSADOR MUSIN, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN CANBERRA, HAD SUGGESTED VISIT OF A SOVIET TEAM TO CANBERRA, A SUGGESTION WHICH WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

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